

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 12-21 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 1-9 and 12-21 were rejected. With this Amendment, claims 1, 12 and 14 were amended and claims 22 and 23 were added. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 1-9 and 12-21 are at issue in the above-identified application.

Objection To Drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a), indicating that the drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Applicants have amended claim 1 and now believe no correction to the drawings is required.

Objection To Claims

Claim 12 and 14 were objected to because of the following informalities: claims 12 and 14 claim dependency on claim 10 which has been cancelled. Applicants amended claims 12 and 14. Withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

35 U.S.C. § 112 Indefiniteness Rejection of Claims

Claim 1-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicants have made amendments to claim 1 and as a result respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Obviousness Rejection of Claims

Claims 1-3 and 5-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO '008 in view of *Nicholson* (U.S. Patent No. 5,819,917) and *Redlinger* (U.S. Des. Patent No. 433,562). Claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Rosler* in view of *Nicholson* and *Redlinger*. Claims 16 and 18-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Rosler* in view of *Nicholson*. Claims 16 and 18-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Rosler* in view of *Nicholson*. Claims 16 and 18-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO

'008 in view of *Nicholson*. Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Rosler* in view of *Nicholson* as applied to claim 16 above and in further view of *Redlinger*. Claim 21 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO '008 in view of *Nicholson* as applied to claim 16 above and further in view of *Redlinger*. Claims 8 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO '008 in view of *Nicholson* and *Shim* (U.S. Design Patent No. 409,560). Claims 9, 13 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO '008 in view of *Nicholson* and *Shim* as applied to claim 8 above, and further in view of *Redlinger*. Claims 8, 12 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Rosler* in view of *Nicholson* and *Shim*. Claims 9, 13 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Rosler* in view of *Nicholson* and *Shim* as applied to claim 8 above, and further in view of *Redlinger*. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Amended claim 1, from which claims 2-7 depend, recites a battery storage case comprising a first projection train formed on an outer surface of a main body near a first opening portion, a second projection train formed on an outer surface of said main body near a bottom surface, and a third projection train formed on an inner surface of a lid portion, wherein the third projection train is adapted to engage one of the first projection train and the second projection train, wherein a through-hole is formed through the head portion of said lid portion, and wherein *the main body is capable of storing twice as many batteries when the third projection train engages the second projection train as opposed to when the third projection train engages the first projection train*. None of the above-cited references, either alone or in combination, teach or even suggest a battery storage case comprising first, second, and third projection trains, wherein a third projection train is adapted to engage one of a first projection train in a second

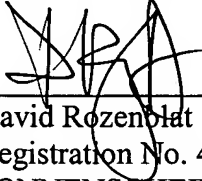
projection train, *wherein the main body is capable of storing twice as many batteries when the third projection train engages the second projection train as opposed to when the third projection train engages the first projection train.*

For example, *Redlinger* discloses a lip balm key chain having a first portion adapted to engage a second portion, wherein the first portion has a hole and a key ring fitted through that hole. *Redlinger* does not disclose a projection train formed on an outer surface of a main body near a bottom surface, as required by claim 1. Additionally, WO '008 discloses a row of projections (11) which extend from an open end (8) of an inner sleeve (2) and terminate just short of a plate (7) of the inner sleeve (2). Moreover, *Rosler* discloses a packaging container formed of a first or inner hollow body 1 and a second or outer hollow body 2, wherein the inner hollow body has at least one row of teeth 3 which extends parallel to the longitude middle axis of the hollow body and also for its full axial length. Neither, WO '008 or *Rosler* teach or disclose first and second projection trains *wherein the main body is capable of storing twice as many batteries when the third projection train engages the second projection train as opposed to when the third projection train engages the first projection train*, as recited in claim 1. Additionally, none of the references teach or disclose a battery storage case where no projection trains are formed between first and second projection trains, or having a stopper located between the first and second projection trains.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that the claimed invention is not anticipated by nor obvious the applied references, either alone or in combination. Withdrawal of these grounds of rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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